

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to motor vehicles; amending s. 316.515,
 3 F.S.; revising restrictions on use of certain agriculture-
 4 related vehicles; providing for exemptions from width and
 5 height limitations for certain farming or agricultural
 6 equipment; providing conditions for use of such equipment;
 7 authorizing certain movements without a Department of
 8 Transportation overwidth permit; providing lighting
 9 requirements for certain overwidth equipment; providing an
 10 effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 316.515, Florida
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 316.515 Maximum width, height, length.--

17 (5) IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY AND FARM EQUIPMENT;
 18 AGRICULTURAL TRAILERS; FORESTRY EQUIPMENT; SAFETY
 19 REQUIREMENTS.--

20 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, straight
 21 trucks, agricultural tractors, and cotton module movers, not
 22 exceeding 50 feet in length, or any combination of up to and
 23 including three implements of husbandry, including the towing
 24 power unit, and any single agricultural trailer with a load
 25 thereon or any agricultural implements attached to a towing
 26 power unit ~~not exceeding 130 inches in width~~, or a self-
 27 propelled agricultural implement or an agricultural tractor ~~not~~
 28 ~~exceeding 130 inches in width~~, is authorized for the purpose of

29 transporting peanuts, grains, soybeans, cotton, hay, straw, or
 30 other perishable farm products from their point of production to
 31 the first point of change of custody or of long-term storage,
 32 and for the purpose of returning to such point of production, or
 33 for the purpose of moving such tractors, movers, and implements
 34 from one point of agricultural production to another, by a
 35 person engaged in the production of any such product or custom
 36 hauler, if such vehicle or combination of vehicles otherwise
 37 complies with this section. ~~The Department of Transportation may~~
 38 ~~issue overwidth permits for implements of husbandry greater than~~
 39 ~~130 inches, but not more than 170 inches, in width.~~ The
 40 Department of Transportation may issue overlength permits for
 41 cotton module movers greater than 50 feet but not more than 55
 42 feet in overall length. Such vehicles shall be operated in
 43 accordance with all safety requirements prescribed by law and
 44 rules of the Department of Transportation.

45 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, equipment
 46 not exceeding 136 inches in width and not capable of speeds
 47 exceeding 20 miles per hour which is used exclusively for
 48 harvesting forestry products is authorized for the purpose of
 49 transporting equipment from one point of harvest to another
 50 point of harvest, not to exceed 10 miles, by a person engaged in
 51 the harvesting of forestry products. Such vehicles must be
 52 operated during daylight hours only, in accordance with all
 53 safety requirements prescribed by s. 316.2295(5) and (6).

54 (c) The width and height limitations of this section shall
 55 not apply to farming or agricultural equipment, whether self-
 56 propelled, pulled, or hauled, when temporarily operated during

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57 daylight hours upon a public road which is not a limited access
58 facility as defined in s. 334.03(13), and the width and height
59 limitations may be exceeded by such equipment without a permit.
60 To be eligible for this exemption, the equipment shall be
61 operated within a radius of 50 miles of the real property owned,
62 rented, or leased by the equipment owner; however, equipment
63 being delivered by a dealer to a purchaser shall not be subject
64 to the 50-mile limitation. Farming or agricultural equipment
65 greater than 174 inches in width must have one warning lamp
66 mounted on each side of the equipment to denote the width and
67 must have a slow moving vehicle sign. Warning lamps required by
68 this paragraph must be visible from the front and rear of the
69 vehicle and must be visible from a distance of 1000 feet.

70 (d) The operator of equipment operated under this
71 subsection is responsible for verifying that the route used has
72 adequate clearance for the equipment.

73 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.